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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In accordance with applicant's duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, we are enclosing form PTO-1449 listing information that may be material to the patentability of this application, filed concurrently herewith. We are also enclosing a copy of each of the following U.S. and foreign patents that are listed in form PTO-1449.

U.S. Patent No. 5,339,346 to Donald L. White, which issued on August 16, 1994, titled DEVICE FABRICATION ENTAILING PLASMA-DERIVED X-RAY DELINEATION.

U.S. Patent No. 5,737,137 to Cohen et al., which issued on April 7, 1998, titled CRITICAL ILLUMINATION CONDENSER FOR X-RAY LITHOGRAPHY.

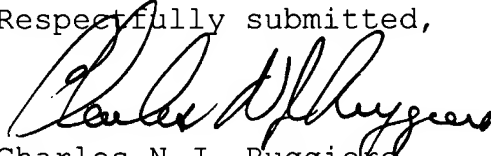
It is applicant's belief that none of the above U.S. patents describe that which is claimed in the present invention.

It should be understood that attention has been called to the patents and articles that have been deemed to be pertinent to the claimed present invention. In concluding what was pertinent, the criteria employed was considered most appropriate in light of the invention shown in the present application. However, the Examiner or others may deem some other criteria to be just as appropriate or more appropriate. Therefore, the Examiner is respectfully urged to review the listed patents and to make the usual careful independent search for other prior art that may be pertinent.

Since this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed concurrently with the filing of the application, no petition or fee is required.

Applicants respectfully request favorable consideration and
that this application be passed to allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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